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Tomiji Tanaka et al.

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Examiner: M. W. Carter

STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Madam:

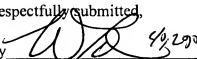
It is respectfully requested that the representative named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive a response to our Notice of Appeal and Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Panel Review filed November 18, 2008.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-3163 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: January 22, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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